

WORD LIVING

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WELCOME TO WORD LIVING 2016

LEARNING FROM JOB – TRUSTING OUR GOD

It is hard to believe it is September 2016. We are most blessed to be alive and able to hear from our Lord, his wisdom from his word.

In a time where each day we see and hear of violence, death, illness, political issues, poverty, and other acts that sparks unrest and separates families, friends, and even members of the body of Christ because of various opinions.

It is time to bring our focus into unity where we follow the teachings of our Lord. Where we become one in His word and follow it without questions.

It is time to stand on the truth without compromise. It is time to be what our Lord has called us to be. We must love and obey his word no matter what happens to us on this earth.

We invite you to read with me Job 42:12 first and then take a journey with me as we learn from Job what it means to trust God.

Thank you for accepting my invitation to meet my friend Job. He is married, has three beautiful daughters and seven sons and he was the greatest of all the men in the east. But, most important, he was perfect, upright, and feared God.

The story begins with a heavenly debate between God and Satan, moves through two (2) direct assaults on Job, three (3) cycles of earthly debates between Job and His friends, and a listener named Elihu. The story concludes with a dramatic “divine diagnosis” of Job’s problem. In the end, Job acknowledges the sovereignty of God in his life and receives back more than he had before his trials.

THERE WAS A DAY:

There was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. Satan accuses the saints before God. Rev. 12:7-12 and Zech. 12:7-12

Satan’s presence leads to a heavenly debate concerning God’s servant Job.

I sometimes think, what an honor it was that God spoke so highly of Job. Although Job was not privy to the conversation, still the very honor of being one that God almighty called by name and noted, “there is none like him in the earth.” Job 1:8 noted that Job even offered burnt offerings for his children in case they might sin. Job 1:5

In Matthew Henry’s Complete Commentary on the Bible, Job 1 helps us understand the depth of the conversation.

God declared Job the best man then living: now, if Satan can prove him a hypocrite, it will follow that God had not one faithful servant among men and that there was no such thing as true and sincere piety (religious devotion) in the world, but religion was all a sham, and Satan was king de facto-in fact, (actually existing, especially when without lawful authority) over all mankind. But, the Lord knows those who are his and is not deceived in any.

However, if Job should retain his religion, Satan would have the satisfaction to see him sorely afflicted. Satan hates good men, and delights in their grief, as God has pleasure in their prosperity.

The story continues - so, God gives Satan permission to put forth his hand and touch all he has.

THE FIRST ASSAULT:

There was a day, when the wave of announcements of tragedy came via four (4) messengers. Each brought news of great loss, death of his servants, and all of

his children. Satan stands by in anticipation of Job's response to the news. Some of Job's responses were predictable based on the custom of that day. He rent his mantle (he tore his robe) and he shaved his head were both signs of mourning and grief.

Now, Satan waits for Job to curse God for these events. But, Job falls to the ground and worships God!

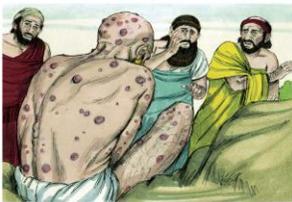
That was not as Satan had predicted, so Satan plans the second assault.

We can learn many important lessons from Chapter 1:

- God is good. He protects us. He provides for us.
- Satan is cruel, evil and has no love for us.
- Sometimes God allows the devil to test us. At these times, God is still protecting us, God will help us, and we should praise God in every situation.

THE SECOND ASSAULT:

There was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. The conversation begins and Satan wants another chance. "Skin for skin, yea. All that a man hath will he give for his life." And the Lord said unto Satan, "Behold he is in thine hand; but save his life."



Job 2:7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote (struck) Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto the crown.

Job now, in addition to the lost of 7 sons and 3 daughters, 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 pairs of oxen, 500 donkeys, and many servants, now sits among the ashes with a potsherd to scrape himself.

His wife speaks the words of Satan, "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die."

Job's response – "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips. The story continues...

May our Lord grant you peace. His steward, Karen

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Law Office of David Covell, PLLC

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Subject – Lord, My Life Is a Mess



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